In re TON ET AL., Application No. 09/776,794 Amendment E

## REMARKS

In response to the final Office action dated September 24, 2007, please enter the amendments and consider the following remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the thoughtful examination of the claims, including the notification that dependent claims 41 and 47 would be allowable if re-written in independent claim format. In view of the long pendency of this application, Applicants have elected to "take these claims" (41, 47) by incorporating their limitations and their respective intervening claims (40, 46) into there respective independent claims (37, 43). Claims 36, 40-42, and 46-47 are canceled herein without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to seek coverage of these canceled claims in this or a continuation application, and do not concede the properness of the rejections. Therefore, all pending claims (37-39 and 43-45) are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons the Office determined that dependent claims 41 and 47 would be allowable if re-written in independent claim format

In view of the above remarks and for at least the reasons presented herein, all pending claims are believed to be allowable over all prior art of record, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Office is respectfully requested to issue a timely Notice of allowance in this case. Applicant requests any and all rejections and/or objections be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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